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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Gilbert C. Thiel of  
4 Grayslake on the occasion of being honored by Squadrons and  
5 Shipmates for his distinguished service during World War II;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Squadrons and Shipmates is an organization  
8 founded to reunite those serving aboard the aircraft carriers  
9 USS Midway and USS Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

10           WHEREAS, Gilbert Thiel served aboard the USS Midway from  
11 1942 to 1946 as an aviation machinist mate and flight deck  
12 inspector; he enlisted in the National Guard first, and then  
13 joined the U.S. Navy while he was working at the Federal  
14 Reserve Bank in Chicago as a cashier; and

15           WHEREAS, Gilbert Thiel is believed to be the oldest living  
16 World War II veteran; he is a plank owner of the USS Midway, as  
17 he was aboard the carrier when it was commissioned on September  
18 10, 1945; and

19           WHEREAS, Gilbert Thiel's family, which includes his loving  
20 wife, Gladys, his step-children, Sarah Mider, Rebecca Rikje,  
21 and Mark Humage, and his step-grandchildren, Jessica Thayer,

1 Luke Albrecht, Ryan Rikje, Reva Rikje, Nicholas Castagna, and  
2 Hannah Mider, are undoubtedly proud of Mr. Thiel and his many  
3 accomplishments; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate Gilbert C. Thiel of Grayslake on the occasion of  
7 being honored by Squadrons and Shipmates and wish them success  
8 and happiness in the future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Gilbert Thiel as a symbol of our esteem and  
11 respect.